

## Letters

### *PS leaders 'politicised'*

THE Secretary of the Department of Health and Community Services, Dr John Paterson, is quoted as being disgusted with the Kirner Government which made him "sick in the guts".

Paterson's statement simply confirms a reality - that the political neutrality of the public service is dead.

I'm sick in the guts too.

I'm sick of the machismo - the violent, arrogant and abusive language.

I'm sick of fear driving public service managers and workers - not knowing whether they are going to have a job the next day.

I want a public service where ethics, decency and respect are important. I want a public service that serves the public - not a public service that betrays the public.

I fear for a public service when its "leadership" is politicised.

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